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NEWSLETTER

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Washington DC

CHRISTMAS IS WITHIN US ALL

Peace on Earth; Good Will Toward Men. It's there--we know. We can see it.

We saw it when a little girl fell down a well pipe in Midland; we saw it when some whales were trapped in the ice near Pt. Barrow; we saw it when the roof collapsed at a store in Brownsville, and we saw it last week when an earthquake hit Armenia.

The courage and caring of those who go beyond and risk their safety in order to reach out to those who need help are proof of the Christmas spirit.

This great kindness, this moving courage in men and women is the true meaning of the spirit of Christmas: neighbor, friend and stranger extending their hands to one another when there is a common need for help and support.

Lord, let that spirit and its magic be there every day and not have to be triggered by a disaster or a tragedy in someone's life. **Please let that spirit expand in our hearts and fill the entire year to come so that we might always say with certainty "Peace on Earth; Good Will Toward Men" -- Merry Christmas.**

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, we hope, is your Congressman's personal version of the traditional Christmas favorite, **"The Twelve Days of Christmas."** Our version, last printed in this newsletter during Christmas of 1974, is called **"The Twelve South Texas Days of Christmas."** We hope all enjoy it--and Merry Christmas.

The Twelve South Texas Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
A Chachalaca in a Palm tree.

On the second day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
two white-wings flying, and a Chachalaca in a Palm tree.

On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
three Redfish a' frying, two white-wings flying, and a Chachalaca in a Palm tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
four tanks of gas, three Redfish a' frying, two white-wings flying, and a Chachalaca in a Palm tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
five white tail deer, four tanks of gas, three Redfish a' frying, two white-wings flying, and a Chachalaca in a Palm tree.

On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
six javelinas, five white tail deer, four tanks of gas, three Redfish a' frying, two white-wings flying, and a Chachalaca in a Palm tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
seven Ruby Reds, six javelinas, five white tail deer, four tanks of gas, three Redfish a' frying, two white-wings flying, and a Chachalaca in a Palm tree.

On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
eight sacks of sugar, seven Ruby Reds, six javelinas, five white tail deer, four tanks of gas, three Redfish a' frying, two white-wings flying, and a Chachalaca in a Palm tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
nine oil wells, eight sacks of sugar, seven Ruby Reds, six javelinas, five white tail deer, four tanks of gas, three Redfish a' frying, two white-wings flying, and a Chachalaca in a Palm tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
ten citrus groves, nine oil wells, eight sacks of sugar, seven Ruby Reds, six javelinas, five white tail deer, four tanks of gas, three Redfish a' frying, two white-wings flying, and a Chachalaca in a Palm tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
eleven friends a calling, ten citrus groves, nine oil wells, eight sacks of sugar, seven Ruby Reds, six javelinas, five white tail deer, four tanks of gas, three Redfish a' frying, two white-wings flying, and a Chachalaca in a Palm tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
twelve months of joy, eleven friends a calling, ten citrus groves, nine oil wells, eight sacks of sugar, seven Ruby Reds, six javelinas, five white tail deer, four tanks of gas, three Redfish a' frying, two white-wings flying, and a Chachalaca in a Palm tree.

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FELIZ NAVIDAD TO ALL THE FINE FOLKS OF SOUTH TEXAS

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